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Amend Claims 13,14,15,16

i. (exiginal) in a validate comparing a first device and a second device, an active active active concerns that redy compiling the first device and the second device, the active natives competing a core position and a pecipheral pertice, the peripheral pertice being complet to the core partium, and the first device and the second device trains completed to the pedipheral pertice.

 (original) The vehicle of visits 1, wherein the active naterois comprises a packet data network.

3. (original) The vehicle of claim I, wherein the active network competes a partially of sective network elements coupled by standard making wherein the same partial competes a core totive network element and the peripheral perion comprises a peripheral sective network element and the peripheral perion comprises a peripheral sective network element.

4. (Ad ginst) The vehicle of claim L, whetein the active natwork comprises a plurality of each watersche elements coupled by connection media, whetein the earle portion comprises a flust active network element of the plurality of active network elements and a second active network element of the plurality of active natural elements.

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3. (original) The verticle of cities 4, wherein the connexium media coupling the first axive network tion at the second active network classest comprises a plumity

of communication paths between the first and second setting naturall elements.

 $\boldsymbol{\delta}_{\boldsymbol{c}}$ (priginal) The values of alum $\boldsymbol{t}_{\boldsymbol{c}}$ wherein at least one of the active network of smeath, comprises a websh.

7. (priginal) The vehicle of distro-1, wherein at least one of the active network — τ

8. (original) The wehicle of vision (, wherein at least one of the active metwork elements a bridge.

(original) The validate of claim I, wherein the peripheral poston comprises
a first active element of the plurality of active elements and a second active element of the
plurality of active elements.

(C) previously presented The verticle of staim. I, wherein the core portion has a first data rate capability and the peripheral portion has a second data rate capability different than the first data rate capability.

) I. (edginal) The veloce of sizes $I_{\rm s}$ wherein the core parties corrected a communication instead is backene structure.

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12. (original) An active network for a vehicle, this vehicle inducing a plurality of devices, the active network comprising:

e plurality of active network elements coupled by communication mades including a core favoing a core portion of the plurality of active network elements and a peripheral portion having a peripheral portion of the plurality of active network elements, wherein the core portion is complet to active network aluments of the core portion and active network aluments of the core portion and active network aluments of the peripheral portion and the peripheral portion is coupled to active network aluments of the peripheral portion and to the puripheral portion.

13. framently amended) The active appear's of claim [[19]][2, wherein the settive entwork is operative to establish a plurality of occasionativation paths between a first device and a accord device of the plurality of devices for communicating this between the first and accord device.

 (surroutly smended) The autres retrock of claim [[13]] [], wherein the plurality of convergences(on paths sympthes automorphy the peripheral parties.

13. (currently smeaded) The author network of claim [[14]])(8), wherein the core position has a first data rain espatibility and the peripheral partition has a second data rain capability different time. One first data rate capability.

16. (Contently assessed) The police parametric of chim [[11]]12, wherein the occupantion frome a network backbone structure.